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### FEDERAL POWERS.

Concurrently with polygamy, as presented in Congress by the case of Mr. Roberts, of Utah, divorce is also forced on attention by its increase in the States. The tendency of discussion is to make them both subjects of political action, if not of national legisla-Congress, Indeed, has been petitioned over and over to regulate both marriage and divorce, for the sake of niformity, and to avoid the many diffleulties continually arising out of the difference in the laws of the several States on these matters.

But for all the good results, it is natural sequences that are not alluring some cases the offence is that to the thoughtful citizen. First unitralization, and then despotism. The of our domestic and personal life, our at his independence, but at your own social system, and the great body of mistake about it. concerns of all kinds between men that
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"In line cases out of every ten, however," continues the cynic, "you perland if their various rules in many
ceive, on a little scrutiny, that a difference of the average family. matters are troublesome, and some-times lead us into loss and evil, the which you can easily meet and con-public and private affairs. A little

tional power over marriage and divorce, and this you will not, and cannot for- It was considered "prodigious," when temporarily in Federal territory not agree that your defeat was in your own years, had appropriated \$1,000,000,000. It yet ready for Statchood? The new-inefficiency or the weakness of your was called "The Billion Congress." The school statesmen will reply by asking where is any constitutional inhibition of Federal legislation on these subjects; and then allege that the United States, as a sovereign nation, has plenary powers to do all that it is not forbidden to do that any other nation may do. As this view is continually presenting itself in high places, the cause; and hence you accuse him of cause; and hence you accuse him of faischood, treachery and deceit, of violating all the laws of civilized contest, and put on an air of outrage and indicated the cause; and hence you accuse him of faischood, treachery and deceit, of violating all the laws of civilized contest, and put on an air of outrage and indicated contest, and put of faischood, treachery and deceit, of violating and put on an air of outrage and indicated contest, and put of faischood, treachery and deceit, of violating and the laws of civilized contest, and the laws of civilized contest, and the contes

it has to regulate the affairs of any island in the Philippine Archipelago or to govern the people of that archipelago. There are no such powers "granted," "delegated," "vested" by the constitution; and they rest wholly on brute force; the argument of the cudgel, or the ultima ratio of powder and

## DIFFERENCE OF OPINION.

An editor has many curious experiences that few other persons encounter at all, or only in a very mild form. He for instance, forbids marriage within has a friend, for instance, and they differ about a man, or a measure, or a principle, or a policy. The editor feels that he is not only entitled to his opinreason of his position; and as he believes that, as a citizen, he should freely express and advocate his opinhis sacred duty as an editor to maintain and establish it for the public good. So, to the best of his ability, he carnestly seeks to impress his view upon his readers and the community. He knows that his friend entertains a contrary opinion with equal sincerity and zeal; but he recognizes his friend's rights, privileges and duties to be as sacred as his own, subject only to free and rational argument, and he cannot understand how friendship should con-code or assume in either to control, or suppress, or change opinion in other, or how, or why, opinion should interrupt or interfere with, the friendship of both for each other.

Yet the fact is that the editor too often discovers, to his amazement and regret, that his friend grows rapidly shy and distant as the campaign procourteous and entirely directed by sure ing the right persons to enforce it. evidence and irrefutable logic. How is this? Does the friend, consciously or unconsciously, arrogate to himself a privilege of opinion and expression that he would deny the editor? Or does he usurp, or demand, or expect an influnatters of opinion, that he would consider an attitude of gross insult, if taken by the editor, or anyone else, toward him and his views?
A cynic considering this very point,

says: "If a friend's opinions offend you, and they be the result of a meninvolving no question of morality, it may at once be taken for granted that tion," now turned into a buccaneering the offence is really in you, and not in him: for what right have you to be offended at anybody for differing with you on any debatable question? flecting further, you will be apt to find confessed are often due to uniformity, do not offend you, though they are less yet uniformity for its own sake, even though voluntary, is dangerous. It has friend. What is the matter, then? In friend has disabused your mind of the formity, then consolidation, then cenassenting follower of yours, in all States, respectively, now have control things, and you are irritated, not only the things they once represented. But

times lead us into loss and evil, the uniformity so desired by some endangers home rule, if it does not destroy it, and inclines to imperialism. If which you can easily meet and continued and private affairs. A little economy, retrenchment and reform are more needed than armies, wars, expansion and imperialism, with all the prodoes not require it.

Where has Congress any constitueven bigamy, or polygamy, except give, for you can never confess or

even amounting to sophistry; and urged that population should be check Congress or the United States has no more right to regulate marriage or rapidly than food-supply, and we divorce in any State of this Union, than should be too numerous to support ourearth, so far, has ben equal to all demands upon it.

But the Creel law is provoking s serious consideration, and a great deal of jeering. Yet all States and nations have their marriage laws, though boards to examine the parties, before granting license, seem somewhat novel Officers issuing license, and ministers or magistrates performing the ceremony. usually do all the examination existing certain degrees of affinity and consanguinity; under the age of consent; be tween negroes and whites; where either that he is not only entitled to his opin-ion as a common and equal right, but idiot; and in some other cases; while it renders some marriages null and void and others voidable by divorce, on the discovery or development of certain causes. Paupers certainly ought to be excluded from the privilege of matri-mony, as well as persons convicted of infamous crimes.

Perhaps the Creel board, as a preventive of marriages, involving all these causes forbidding, nullifying, or solving marriage, would be better than the existing losse way in which marriage is allowed, notwithstanding the plausible objections raised to the examinations as an invasion of personal liberty, female modesty and the sanctity of private life, and as obstructions to marriage that might promote worse evils. There is something in these objections, no doubt; though that will defend the law itself and its execution. A wise purpose may become foolish or atrocious, if the law be improperly shaped; and a wise purpose, properly enacted, may become an offence and a gresses and plainly exhibits resent- shame if executed by knaves or fools; ment, if not animosity, against the editor for pursuing the course he does, the design of a law, the greater care albeit that course has been perfectly is required in forming it and in select-

If North Dakota adopt the Creel law, its administration will attract much attention, and its results will be ence, or a control, over the editor in marriage, if it is to hold its place among the most sacred and vital institutions of the civilized world. This Creel experiment may prove a farce, or a blessing; and let us hope, at all events, that it may be tried fairly, in

> McKinley is only a figure-head, with Hanna at the helm. This was the old Ship of State, the frigate "Constituprivateer and freebooter."

> "Needs must, when the devil drives." say Hanna, Alger and Co. But needs must the devil drive? At any rate, the good people of the land should seek to place the reins of government in better hands.

> Economy, retrenchment and reform were old-time words and ideas; but we do not know what they mean in we are now spending \$\$00,000,000 a year \$10.70 for every man, woman and child economy, retrenchment and reform are

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furnished residence in one of the official palaces.

While the different members of the Cabinet are supposed to direct the administrative affairs of their separate departments, as in the United States, the Cabinet as a whole has for its chief duty the formation of the political policy of the government, which requires recognition by legislative action. The leading bills, therefore, are formulated by the Cabinet, and its members, all of whom have the right to speak in both houses, whether members or not, present them to the Chamber of Deputies and the Senete. If they meet with defeat or with serious amendment contrary to the will of the Cabinet he Cabinet resigns and the President selects another set of advisers to take their places.

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Under a similar system in England, where there are two great parties, the Cabinets remain on an average something like four years in office before their defeat. In France, however, no great political parties exist; the Chamber of Deputies is made an of a number of small groups or factions, several of which combine in order to secure a majority for the maistry. The defection of one or two of these small factions is often enough to overthrow a ministry. The consequence is that the life of the average French ministry is but from eight to ten months.

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